

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of November 21, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended at line 6 to replace "a predetermined temperature" with --the predetermined temperature--;

dependent claim 4 is amended to replace "speed" with --frequency--;

dependent claim 5 is amended to insert --predetermined-- before "frequency range" and to omit "some or all of", and

dependent claim 6 is amended to omit "some or all of" and "causing unpredictable logical behaviour".

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

Regarding claim 1

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending (and amended) independent claim 1 is fully described at page 44, line 1-page 46, line 4, page 49, lines 10-20 and page 56, lines 1-21 of the Detailed Description of the substitute specification filed July 21, 2005 and illustrated in Figs. 28 and 38 of the substitute drawings also filed July 21, 2005.

That is, Fig. 38 clearly illustrates, and page 44, line 1-page 46, line 4 and page 56, lines 1-21 clearly describes, that the clock signal, SysClk, is generated by the combination of the ring oscillator circuit, clock filter, temperature sensor and divider. Further, Fig. 28 clearly illustrates, and page 49, lines 10-20 clearly describes, that SysClk is output to the logic circuitry (i.e., Central Processing Unit, Memory Interface Unit, Analogue Unit and IO Unit) of the QA chip (i.e., integrated circuit).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the connections and functions of the claimed components are clearly described and illustrated in the preferred embodiment.

Regarding lines 5-6 of claim 1 and claims 4-6

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of claims 1 and 4-6 provide the clarifications and antecedent bases required by the Examiner.

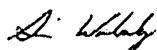
Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 1 and 4-6 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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